

Wesley United Church
Congregational Meeting: UCAS Agreement
MINUTES
Sunday, October 25, 2020

Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

1. Call to order. Past President Stephanie Dove called the meeting to order at 11.52 am.
2. Opening Prayer by Rev. Cindy Bourgeois
3. Presentation by Uganda Canadian Association of Saskatchewan (UCAS)

Joining the meeting were Victor Saymoogohma, President and Christine Lwanga, Executive Director and Lydia, Program Coordinator with UCAS.

Victor spoke. He is a social worker. UCAS was formed in 1990 and is celebrating 30 years this year. UCAS is working with other ethnic communities to promote multiculturalism in the province.

Lydia spoke. She has been in Canada for 6 years. As a Program Coordinator for UCAS, she coordinates a Caribu intergenerational group respecting the culture of people from Africa. The group meets every Sunday. They have worked with the Ukrainian and First Nations communities to promote multiculturalism.

Christine spoke. She came here in 1989. She is also a social worker. In Africa, she grew up in a rich culture that enabled her to develop a strong sense of identity. Coming to Canada she encountered subtle messages and has had to overcome racism and discrimination. Christine served as a commissioner on the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission for 10 years. She has a deep desire to help communities to work side by side and cooperate. In 2000, UCAS got funding from Canadian Heritage for a national conference. Flowing from the conference, UCAS developed a vision statement that has guided its actions. UCAS desires a cooperated partnership for mutual growth. Christine said "We are believers, we are spiritual. This partnership is God-driven, divine design". She found a commonality in our and their mission and vision. Christine mentioned a second program called Ubuntu. It is a mentorship program which honours the dignity of the other person. It seeks to break barriers where people feel they are not heard or being recognized. She hopes to run a program to collect data in terms of how to help people overcome barriers and life challenges, which is related to the work she did to earn her Ph. D at the University of Manitoba.

Victor, Christine and Lydia then left the meeting.

4. Appointment of Scrutineers

Motion 2020-59: That Blaine Dodds and Kiera Eastley be appointed as scrutineers.
M/S Maureen Kolot/Crystal Dodds – carried.

Motion 2020-60: That adherents be allowed to vote at this meeting. M/S John Whyte/Kent Stewart – carried.

5. Deciding on a partnership between Wesley United Church and UCAS

Before introducing the motion, Stephanie pointed out that an addition of the following words to Article 9e of the draft partnership agreement was necessary: UCAS must purchase their own Contents Insurance and their Liability Insurance must include and name Wesley United Church as an additional insured party.” With that clarification, Stephanie introduced the motion.

Motion 2020-61: That the congregation approves Wesley United Church entering into a partnership with Uganda Canadian Association of Saskatchewan Inc. in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreement as presented with one amendment:

Add to article 9e: “UCAS must purchase their own Contents Insurance and their Liability Insurance must include and name Wesley United Church as an additional insured party”. M/S Hannah Dove/Maureen Kolot – carried.

6. Meeting Adjournment at 12:17 pm

Stephanie Dove, Past President

Al Goudie, Secretary